

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 Plaintiff,) 8:19cr286
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vs.)
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ALEJANDRO MERCADO-GARCIA and) ORDER
FRANCISCO CARRILLO-NORIEGA)
)
 Defendant.

This matter is before the court on the defendant Mercado-Garcia's Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [37]. The parties are engaged in ongoing plea negotiations and seek additional time to finalize this matter. Co-defendant Carrillo-Noriega does not object to a continuance. For good cause shown,

IT IS ORDERED that Defendant Mercado-Garcia's Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [37] is granted, as follows:

1. The jury trial, **as to both defendants**, now set for February 25, 2020, is continued to **March 31, 2020**.
2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and March 31, 2020**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6), (7)(A) & (B)(iv).

DATED: February 19, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

**s/ Michael D. Nelson
United States Magistrate Judge**